

State of Misconsin 2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

DOA:.....Rice, BB0131 - State AmeriCorps Education Award

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE FINANCE

State AmeriCorps scholarship program

Under current law, an individual who completes a term of service in the AmeriCorps program may receive a Segal AmeriCorps education award to pay for post-secondary educational expenses. This bill creates a program that provides a matching scholarship to individuals who are residents of Wisconsin or who complete their AmeriCorps service in Wisconsin. Under the bill, the matching amounts are subject to availability of monies. The scholarship money awarded under the program may only be used to pay tuition and fees at a technical college, college, or university in Wisconsin.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 16.22 (2) (m) of the statutes is created to read:

16.22 (2) (m) Administer the scholarship program under sub. (2m).

SECTION 2. 16.22 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

16.22 (**2m**) STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is created a scholarship program for recipients of awards disbursed under 42 USC 12604. From the appropriation under s. 20.505 (4) (fm), the board shall award scholarships annually, on a dollar-for-dollar match with the federal award, under this subsection. The board may prorate an award based on available moneys. To be eligible for a

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scholarship under this program, an applicant shall provide proof of all of the following:

(a) Current residency in this state or completion of service with the national service program in this state.

(b) Current admission to an institution of higher education in this state.

SECTION 3. 20.505 (4) (fm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.505 (4) (fm) National and community service board; state scholarship

program. Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for the state scholarship program under s. 16.22 (2m).

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

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